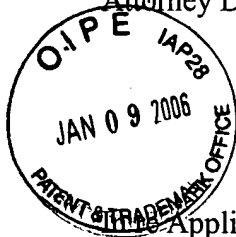


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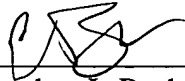
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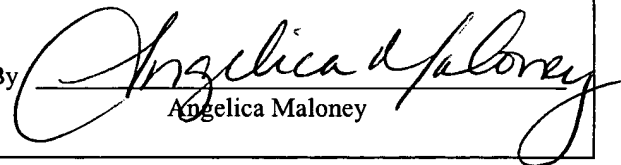
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**REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION WITH AMENDMENT**

Sir:

This reply is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed on October 4, 2005, the shortened statutory period for which runs until January 4, 2006. The Applicant respectfully requests entry of the following amendments and reconsideration of the application in light of the following remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 9 of this paper.